

House File 605 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 605
BY COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 216)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to energy benchmarking requirements for private
2 properties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 103A.8D Energy benchmarking
2 requirements.

3 For purposes of this section, "*energy benchmarking*" means
4 requiring a decrease in the average energy use of a property or
5 requiring the average energy use of a property to be less than
6 the average energy use of a similarly situated property. The
7 commissioner shall not require energy benchmarking requirements
8 for a private property.

9 Sec. 2. Section 331.301, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
10 following new subsection:

11 NEW SUBSECTION. 22. For purposes of this subsection,
12 "*energy benchmarking*" means requiring a decrease in the average
13 energy use of a property or requiring the average energy
14 use of a property to be less than the average energy use of
15 a similarly situated property. A county shall not adopt
16 or enforce an ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment
17 to require energy benchmarking requirements for a private
18 property.

19 Sec. 3. Section 414.1, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
20 by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. *g.* For purposes of this paragraph, "*energy*
22 *benchmarking*" means requiring a decrease in the average energy
23 use of a property or requiring the average energy use of a
24 property to be less than the average energy use of a similarly
25 situated property. A city shall not adopt or enforce an
26 ordinance, motion, resolution, or amendment to require energy
27 benchmarking requirements for a private property.

28 EXPLANATION

29 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
30 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

31 This bill prohibits the state building code commissioner,
32 counties, and cities from requiring energy benchmarking
33 requirements for a private property. The bill defines "*energy*
34 *benchmarking*" as requiring a decrease in the average energy use
35 of a property or requiring the average energy use of a property

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1 to be less than the average energy use of a similarly situated
2 property.